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Letter dated 2 June 2004 from the Permanent Representative of Ireland to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to draw your attention to the statement to welcome the signing in Naivasha of the last three protocols leading to a framework peace agreement on the Sudan, issued on 28 May 2004 by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union (see annex).

I should be grateful if the text of the present letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex to the letter dated 2 June 2004 from the Permanent Representative of Ireland to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

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Statement to welcome the signing in Naivasha of the last three protocols leading to a framework peace agreement on the Sudan, issued on 28 May 2004 by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union

The European Union welcomes the signing of the three protocols by the Government of the Sudan and the Sudan People's Liberation Movement, which took place in Naivasha, Kenya, on 27 May 2004. This represents a significant step towards a lasting peace in southern Sudan and both parties are to be congratulated on their commitment to the peace process in Naivasha. The dedication of the IGAD facilitators, in particular the chief mediator, Gen. Lazaro Sumbeiyo, and Kenya as hosts to the peace talks for the past two years has played a significant role in this achievement.

The European Union urges both parties to sustain this momentum towards peace and to begin immediately a discussion on a comprehensive peace agreement for the Sudan. The European Union stands ready to assist in the development and implementation of a just and peaceful future for all of the Sudan.

The European Union reiterates its concern at the humanitarian crisis unfolding in Darfur and calls on the Government of the Sudan and all parties to show a similar commitment to bring peace and stability to that region.